

EXTENSION OF EXPORT CONTROL ACT OF 1949

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Mr. SPENCE, from the committee of conference, submitted the following

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 9052]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 9052) to amend the Export Control Act of 1949 to continue for an additional period of 2 years the authority provided thereunder for the regulation of exports, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendment numbered 1.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 2, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment insert the following: *The Secretary may contract with any private organization for the collection of information necessary to such survey, but any conclusions or recommendations in any report to the Congress under this section shall be made by a full-time officer or employee of the Department of Commerce, and no person employed under section 710 (b)*

of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, shall in any matter participate in such survey.

And the Senate agree to the same.

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STATEMENT OF THE MANAGERS ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

The managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 9052) to amend the Export Control Act of 1949 to continue for an additional period of 2 years the authority provided thereunder for the regulation of exports, submit the following statement in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon by the conferees and recommended in the accompanying conference report:

Section 2 of the House bill directed the Secretary of Commerce to make a complete survey of the iron and steel scrap available and potentially available, and to file with the Congress an interim report within 3 months and a final report by January 31, 1957. This section of the House bill also required that the survey be made by full-time employees of the Department of Commerce, although the Department would be authorized in making the survey to call upon other Federal departments for any information available to them.

Senate amendment No. 1 provided that the survey should be made by the Bureau of Mines rather than by the Secretary of Commerce. Senate amendment No. 2 deleted the requirement that the survey be made by full-time Federal employees and substituted language providing that, while the survey would be made under the authority and direction of the Bureau of Mines, the Bureau could make use of such assistance in making the survey as the Director of the Bureau deemed desirable.

The Senate recedes from its amendment No. 1, and the House recedes from its disagreement to Senate amendment No. 2 with an amendment which is in effect a substitute for both the House and Senate language dealing with the manner in which the survey is to be conducted. Under the actions thus taken by the conferees, the survey would be made by the Secretary of Commerce and any conclusions or recommendations reported to the Congress would have to be made by a full-time officer or employee of the Department of Commerce, but the Secretary could contract with private organizations for the collection of information necessary to the survey. A further provision in the language agreed upon by the conferees would specifically prohibit any person who is employed without compensation under section 710 (b) of the Defense Production Act from participating in the survey in any manner whatsoever.

It is of the utmost importance that the survey be completely fair and objective. Accordingly, the Secretary of Commerce must exercise the greatest caution to insure that any research organization selected to assist in the survey shall be completely impartial and unprejudiced.

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